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Requirements

- At the end of September 1952, the East German railroads were looking for 3,000 tons of SM steel plates (4,100 x 250 x 25 mm.). By mid-October this requirement had been reduced to 720 tons. It is not known whether the balance of 2,280 tons has been obtained elsewhere or the railroad flatcar program has been reduced. The current requirement of 720 tons of SM steel plates is described as of first priority.
- Boiler tubes for engine boilers are also urgently needed. In order to expedite delivery, the railroad administration is willing to accept electrically welded tubes. Recently an order was placed with Hans Reuschel, Berlin railroad procurement agent, for the following electrically welded tubes at \$395 per ton:

600 tons 51 x 2.5 mm.
400 tons 54 x 2.5 mm.
600 tons 133 x 4 mm.
100 tons 171 x 4.5 mm.

- Another priority requirement is for rails and other equipment required for the construction of railroad lines encircling Berlin. The completion of this project is considered of the utmost importance for the following reasons: to prevent the necessity for specialized workers living on the western outskirts of the Russian Sector having to pass through the western sectors when going to work in the Russian Sector or Zone; and to enable long-distance passengers in the Russian Zone to by-pass Berlin. In mid-October, the total requirements for the completion of the Berlin ring railroad were listed as follows:

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4,900 tons of rail, profile or similar type, 49.05 or 50 kg., 15-18m. long
125 tons of fish plates
150 tons of butt straps
1,400 tons of rib plates

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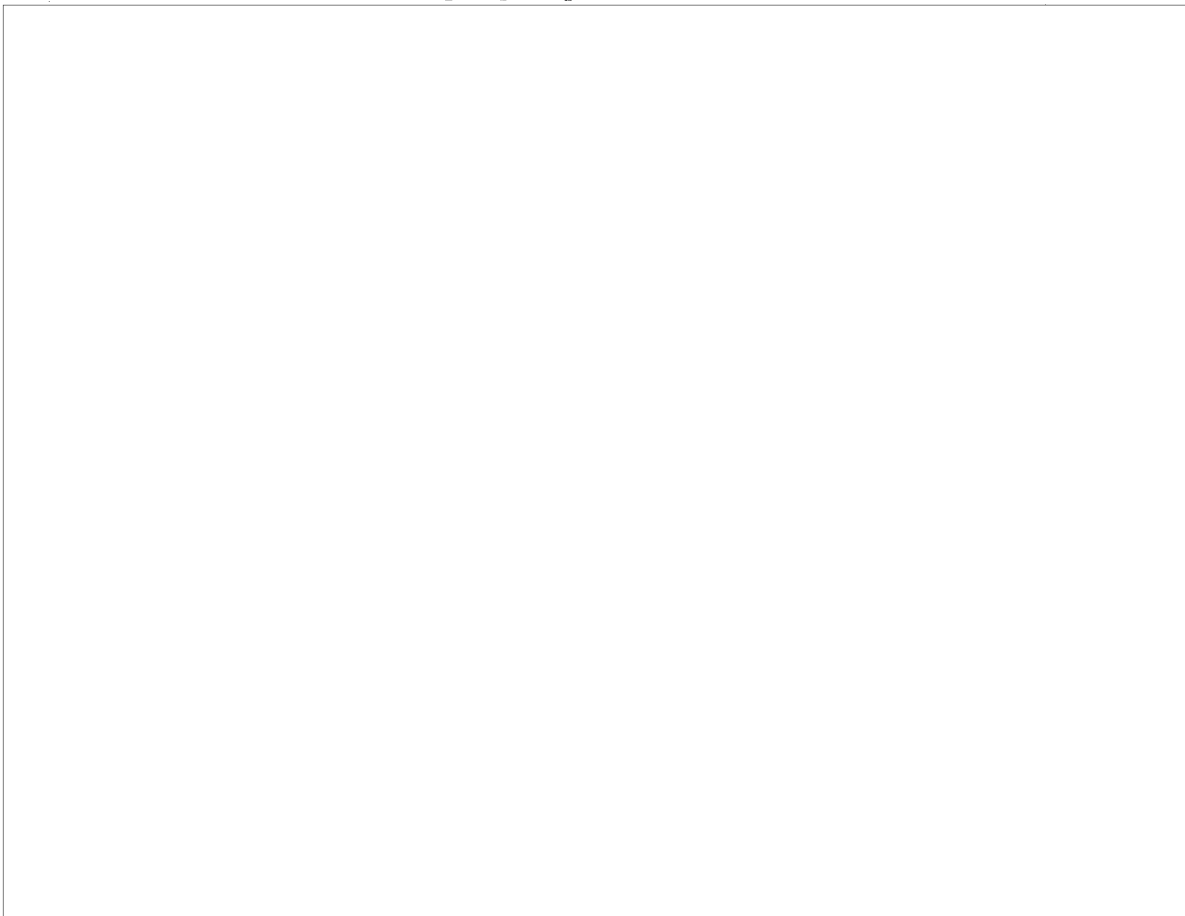
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- 240 tons of clamp plates
- 62 tons of double spring rings for bolts
- 25 tons of fish plate bolts
- 175 tons of hooked bolts
- 340 tons of sleeper bolts
- 19 tons of coupling screws

A few days later, about 17 October, this list was considerably reduced (with the exception of the rails requirement, which was increased). An order was placed with Hans Reuschel for the following material to be delivered before the end of 1952:

- 7,800 tons of rails at \$180¹
- 100 tons of fish plates
- 38 tons of fish plate bolts
- 50 tons of double spring rings

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